

REMARKS

Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for the careful consideration given the present application. The application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office action, and amended as necessary to more clearly and particularly describe the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

In a telephone conversation on March 31, 2005, the Examiner confirmed to the undersigned that the claim amendments proposed in the Final Action would place the application in condition for allowance. Applicant thanks the Examiner for this indication of allowability and for the courtesies extended to the undersigned during this telephone conversation.

THE REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 1-6, 12-25 had been rejected under Section 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Claims 1-6, 12-23 had been rejected under Section 112, second paragraph, as being incomplete for omitting essential elements. Claims 2, 12, 13, 20-22 had been rejected under Section 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement.

Claims 1-6 and 12-25 had been indicated allowable over the prior art if rewritten to overcome the rejections under Section 112. As noted above, the Examiner has proposed claim amendments that would place the application in condition for allowance. In response thereto, Applicant has adopted the Examiner's proposed claim amendments. Favorable consideration of the present application is


earnestly solicited.

In light of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in a condition for allowance and notice to that effect is hereby requested. If it is determined that the application is not in a condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to initiate a telephone interview with the undersigned to expedite prosecution of the present application.

If there are any additional fees resulting from this communication, please charge same to our Deposit Account No. 18-0160, our Order No. NGB-12947.

Respectfully submitted,

RANKIN, HILL, PORTER & CLARK LLP

By 
Jay P. Ryan
Agent for Applicant
Registration No. 37,064

4080 Erie Street
Willoughby, Ohio 44094-7836
(216) 566-9700